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In #Guyana, no transparent recount of votes. The @OAS_official mission has withdrawn. Democratic nations can't ignore this blatant disregard for rule of law. The world is watching. There is still time. Respect the will of the Guyanese people to choose their leader.

We join the Guyanese people and the international community in calling for Guyanese election authorities to follow accepted procedures and allow international election observers to verify the results. #Guyana

It is essential that the High Court-mandated elections tabulation in #Guyana be concluded in a free, fair, and transparent manner.

Under U.S. law and practice those who participate and benefit from electoral fraud, undermine democratic institutions and impede a peaceful transition of power can be subject to a variety of consequences. #Guyana

De facto regimes do not receive the same treatment from us as democratically elected governments. #Guyana

@SenRickScott

Guyanese authorities must respect the will of their citizens and the courts. Stealing elections will result in nothing but isolation. Guyana's future is bright but only if it remains democratic.
<https://twitter.com/senrickscott/status/1239027014822223875?s=12>

NYT: The oil-rich country of Guyana is set to re-elect its president, David E. Granger, despite a court order directing the electoral commission to change its vote counting methods.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/14/world/americas/guyana-election-winner-granger.html>

Stabroek News: Given the outpouring of revulsion yesterday from the Western countries and local and international observer groups about the deceptions unremittingly employed by Returning Officer for Region Four Clairmont Mingo in his second attempt at tabulation, there is no more space for denial of the fact that the March 2 general elections are being rigged before our eyes and in the crudest way.
<https://www.stabroeknews.com/2020/03/14/opinion/editorial/mr-granger-and-the-elections/>

STATEMENT BY HON. MIA AMOR MOTTLEY Q.C., M.P. RE: CARICOM TEAM to Supervise Guyana Elections Recount

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

Many of you are aware that I led a high-level team of Caribbean Prime Ministers to Georgetown earlier this week to meet with all of the affected parties from the recent General Election of March 2, 2020.

CARICOM has remained engaged over the last few days. [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(D) would wish to announce that after discussions this morning, President Granger made a request for the Caribbean Community to field an independent high-level team to supervise the re-counting of the ballots in Region 4 in accordance with the ruling of the Chief Justice of 11 March, 2020. This has been agreed to by Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo.

We believe that this is a giant step in being able to determine the will of the Guyanese people in the Election of March 2, 2020. It will also allow the electoral process to regain the confidence of all locally, regionally and internationally.

I have spoken directly to both the President and the Leader of the Opposition and they have both committed to abide by the results of a fair and transparent recount of each and every ballot, as supervised by the CARICOM team. We also agreed that there needs to be steps taken to secure the integrity of the ballot boxes until the Recount takes place.

The Independent High Level Team will be chaired by Francine Baron, former Attorney General and Foreign Minister and comprise Mr. Anthony Boatswain, former Minister of Finance of Grenada and Ms. Cynthia Barrow-Giles, Senior Lecturer in Department of Government of UWI. They will also be accompanied by the two Chief Election Officers from Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

Both President Granger and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Jagdeo have agreed that the recount should commence once the Caricom team is on the ground.

I can confirm that all efforts are being made to have the team in Guyana as soon as possible. A further announcement will be made as to the exact details once the team is on the ground.

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